Workers in Khadi and Village Industries

8212. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of skilled and unskilled workers working in the Khadi and Village Industries in the country as on the 31st March, 1995;

(b) what are the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) what is the minimum and maximum of the wages prescribed for various categories for the skilled and unskilled workers in the aforesaid industries in the country; and

(d) what concrete steps Government propose to take to pay the minimum wages to the workers of the aforesaid industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The total number of skilled and unskilled workers working in Khadi and Village Industries in the country as on 31st March, 1995 (Provisional) is as under:—

Khadi—14.28 lakhs
V.I.—41.00 Lakhs
Total—55.28 lakhs

(b) The Statewise employment figures of both skilled and unskilled workers in KVI Sector for the year 1994-95 (provisional) are in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) The average earnings in Khadi industries range from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15|- per day for spinners and Rs. 30|- to Rs. 35|- per day for weavers. The range for Village Industries is from Rs. 20|- to 30|- per day.

(d) The workers engaged in KVI Sector are self-employed. So question of paying minimum wages to them does not arise. However in order to enable them to increase their earnings, KVIC has taken following steps:—

— Introduction of high speed charkhas and 8 spindle charkhas

— KVIC continues upward revision of cost chart for Khadi.

— KVIC has been striving for increasing the productivity of workers in Village Industries by providing them financial assistance, technical support training and common facilities etc.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	States & UT's	1994-95 (Provisional) Khadi	V.I.	Total
1	2	3	4	5
I. States				
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.33	3.17	3.50
2	Arunachal Pradesh	*	*	*
3	Assam	0.23	0.83	1.06
4	Bihar	2.34	1.23	3.57
5	Goa	—	0.06	0.06

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Gujarat	0.58	0.46	1.04
7.	Haryana	0.43	0.43	0.86
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0.08	0.55	0.63
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.36	0.59	0.95
10.	Karnataka	0.41	1.37	1.78
11.	Kerala	0.20	1.76	1.96
12.	Madhya Pradesh	0.17	0.79	0.96
13.	Maharashtra	0.20	4.81	5.01
14.	Manipur	*	0.40	0.40
15.	Meghalaya	*	0.12	0.12
16.	Mizoram	*	0.05	0.05
17.	Nagaland	*	0.05	0.05
18.	Orissa	0.03	1.33	1.36
19.	Punjab	0.77	0.77	1.54
20.	Rajasthan	1.67	3.34	5.01
21.	Sikkim	0.01	0.05	0.06
22.	Tamilnadu	0.87	9.92	10.79
23.	Tripura	*	0.46	0.46
24.	Uttar Pradesh	5.64	5.52	10.66
25.	West Bengal	0.52	2.61	3.13
	TOTAL-I	14.24	40.77	55.01
1.	2	3	4	5
II. Union Territories :				
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	..	*	*
2	Chandigarh	..	0.01	0.01
3	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	..	..	..
4	Delhi	0.03	0.19	0.22
5	Daman & Diu	..	..	..
6	Lakshadweep	..	*	*
7	Pondicherry	0.01	0.03	0.04
	TOTAL-II	0.04	0.23	0.27
	TOTAL I+II :	14.28	40.00	55.28

*—Less than 500.